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INTER OFFICE TELECOMMUNICATIONS ADVISORY COMMITTEE

MINUTES

Minutes of the 33rd meeting held on 7 February 1957 at 1000 hours in room 2701, Barton Hall.

1. Present:

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[REDACTED] OSI - Chairman
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[REDACTED], O/RR
[REDACTED] O/CI
[REDACTED] OSI - Secretary

2. Minutes of the 32nd meeting were approved with one addition and one correction:

a. Add: "It was agreed that agenda item 4, requirement for centralized file on foreign electronic equipment types, be postponed for discussion at the 33rd meeting."

b. Paragraph 7 should be revised by deleting the last two sentences and substituting "A basic study of telecommunications in the USSR now in progress in ORR will take about five or six months, and will, accordingly, include as much detail on broadcast receiver distribution as is feasible. In reply to questions as to the extension of the estimate to the Satellites, the group was advised that a basic study on East Germany is scheduled, but nothing is presently planned for the other European Satellites; the East German study will include as much detail on broadcast receiver distribution as possible."

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3. With respect to the proposed OCB revision to NSC-169, [REDACTED] reported that he had been informed that the draft revision, dated December, was still on the agenda of the Board Assistants and, because of higher priority matters, it was unlikely to be considered soon.

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4. With respect to the negotiations with NSA for material for RSB/SR, [REDACTED] reported a discouraging reversion to previous attitudes at a meeting with [REDACTED] on Tuesday but that he has since been assured that NSA will provide the required data. He indicated that no action by the Committee is required unless it is determined that the required material will not be forthcoming.

5. A communication from [REDACTED] was read to the Committee in which he nominated [REDACTED] to be the member for O/CR, with [REDACTED] the alternate, in view of his reassignment to OSI. The Committee expressed its appreciation for [REDACTED] services and requested the Chairman to write a memorandum to that effect to [REDACTED]

6. The Schramm report on the conference on broadcasting held in Munich in August 1956 was discussed. [REDACTED] said that a recommendation concerning the need for impact evaluation was being considered by the interested groups. As reported at the last meeting, [REDACTED] had been contacted regarding taking on the assignment but had not yet responded. He suggested that, with respect to the assignment of monitors to embassies, requirements existed for personnel skilled in evaluating the psychological climate as well as broadcast reception, and such a type might be used for guidance of embassy personnel in broadcast monitoring for intelligibility. It was the consensus of the Committee, however, that such a requirement should not be allowed to affect the planning for technicians in the embassies, in view of the advanced stage of this planning and in view of the likelihood that assistance of a technician would be required in any case.

7. At the suggestion of the Chairman, the Committee agreed that a working group consisting of [REDACTED] Chairman, and [REDACTED] review the Schramm report for the Committee and report back on what the report means to CIA and what recommendations the Committee might make concerning it.

9. [REDACTED] reported that, in collaboration with [REDACTED] preliminary plans had been made for a trip to the Far East including Japan and Formosa in order to instigate improved collection of collateral information of reception in that area.

10. At the request of O/RR, in view of the absence of interested persons, item 3 on the agenda concerning a centralized file on foreign electronic equipment types was again postponed until the next meeting. [REDACTED] indicated that he had obtained

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opinions on the proposal within his office and the consensus was that the idea was good provided it was feasible to make the register complete and to maintain its classification at sufficiently low level to be useful.

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11. The amateur radio program was reported by [redacted] to be at the point where the project has complete approval and there remained only the question of a mechanism for project initiation. It is understood that this aspect is under consideration by AD/SI, AD/CR, and DD/I.

12. The next meeting is scheduled for 6 March at 1000 hours in room 1521, Barton Hall.

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Secretary